

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLANDBILL NO. 96-37Introduced by Council President Parrott at the request of the County ExecutiveLegislative Day No. 96-21 Date July 2, 1996

AN ACT to propose amendments to Article II, Legislative Branch; Article III, Executive Branch; Article V, Budget and Finance; and Article VI, Personnel; of the Harford County Charter, as amended, by repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Section 212, Secretary of the Council; Section 310, Temporary Absence or Disability of the County Executive; Section 311, Executive Veto; Section 510, Filing of Proposed Budget; Section 511, Public Budget Hearings; and Section 602, Classified and Exempt Services; to change the title of the Secretary of the Council to the Administrator of the office of the County Council; to more appropriately reflect the duties performed by the Secretary of the Council; and to require the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection, in accordance with Section 905 of the Harford County Charter.

By the Council, July 2, 1996

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 6, 1996at: 6:30 p.m.By Order: James D. Vammar, Acting Secretary**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on August 6, 1996, and concluded on August 6, 1996.

James D. Vammar, Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 **Section 1.** Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Section
2 212, Secretary of the Council, of Article II, Legislative Branch; Section 310, Temporary
3 Absence or Disability of the County Executive, and Section 311, Executive Veto, both of Article
4 III, Executive Branch; Section 510, Filing of Proposed Budget, and Section 511, Public Budget
5 Hearings, both of Article V, Budget and Finance; and Section 602, Classified and Exempt
6 Services, of Article VI, Personnel; of the Harford County Charter, as amended, be, and they
7 are hereby, repealed and reenacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

8 Article II. Legislative Branch.

9 Section 212. [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR.

10 There shall be a [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR who shall keep minutes
11 of its meetings, maintain its journal, and perform such other duties as the Council may
12 direct. The [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR shall serve at the pleasure
13 of the Council and shall receive such compensation as the Council may determine.

14 Article III. Executive Branch.

15 Section 310. Temporary Absence or Disability of the County Executive.

16 In the event of the temporary absence or disability of the County Executive, the Director
17 of Administration shall perform the duties of the County Executive, unless the County
18 Executive designates in writing some other person in the Executive Branch. Such
19 designation shall be filed with the [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR. Any
20 such designation may be revoked by the County Executive at any time by filing a new
21 designation with the [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR. An Acting County
22 Executive shall have the same rights, duties, powers, and obligations as an elected

1 incumbent in said office, except the power of veto.

2 Section 311. Executive Veto.

3 Upon its enactment by the Council, any bill, except measures made expressly exempt
4 from the executive veto by the Charter, shall be presented to the County Executive within
5 five calendar days for approval or disapproval. Within twenty-one calendar days after
6 presentation, the bill shall be returned to the Council with an approval endorsed thereon
7 or with a statement, in writing, of the reasons for not approving the same. Upon
8 approval by the County Executive, any such bill shall become law. Upon veto by the
9 County Executive, the veto message shall be entered in the journal of the Council, and
10 not later than at its next legislative session day, the Council may reconsider the bill. If,
11 upon reconsideration, at least five members of the Council vote in the affirmative, the
12 bill shall become law. Whenever the County Executive shall fail to return any bill within
13 twenty-one calendar days after the date of its presentation to the County Executive, the
14 [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR shall forthwith record the fact of such
15 failure in the journal, and the bill shall thereupon become law. The County Executive
16 may disapprove individual items in budget and appropriation bills. Each item or items
17 not disapproved in a budget and appropriation bill shall become law, and each item or
18 items disapproved in a budget and appropriation bill shall be subject to the same
19 procedure as any other bill vetoed by the County Executive.

20 Article V. Budget and Finance.

21 Section 510. Filing of Proposed Budget.

22 The proposed County budget shall be filed with the [Secretary of the] Council

ADMINISTRATOR and copies thereof shall be made available to the public upon request.

Section 511. Public Budget Hearings.

Upon receipt of the proposed County Budget, the [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR shall cause to be published in at least two newspapers published in the County, a notice of the place and time of at least two public hearings on the budget by the Council. The Council may hold such other preliminary hearings on the budget for the purpose of obtaining information as it may determine, but no action shall be taken by the Council on the budget except in public session and after the public budget hearings prescribed in this Section.

Article VI. Personnel.

Section 602. Classified and Exempt Services.

County positions shall be either in the classified or the exempt services. The exempt service shall consist of:

- (1) elected officials;
- (2) members of boards and commissions;
- (3) the Director of Administration;
- (4) the heads of the departments in the Executive Branch;
- (5) the [Secretary of the] Council ADMINISTRATOR;
- (6) one clerk or secretary for each of the following officers: the County Executive, the Director of Administration, and the head of each department appointed by the County Executive;

(7) temporary or seasonal employees;

(8) employees required to be covered by the State merit system; and

(9) Deputy County Attorneys in the County Law Department.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that before this Act becomes effective, it shall be submitted to a Referendum of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at the General Election to be held in November 1996. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels used at this election a brief summary in understandable language of the purpose of this Act, and underneath the summary, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words, "For __," and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against __," so that each voter may vote for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are "For __," the provisions of this Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against __," the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted that, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: October 15, 1996

*The Secretary of the Council does hereby certify
that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available
for distribution to the public and the press.*

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 96-37(Brief Title) Charter Amendment -Secretary of the Council - Title Change

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary
of the Council

James S. Parrott
President of the Council

Date August 6, 1996Date August 6, 1996

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 96-23 (August 6, 1996)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8th day of August, 1996 at 3:00 p.m.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Charles M. Belkman
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date August 13, 1996

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 96-37), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 13, 1996 for the sole purpose of providing for referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 1996

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